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FOLLOWING RECD FROM CALCUTTA SENT NEW DELHI, BOMBAY, MADRAS,  
DATED NOVEMBER 23, BEING RPTD FOR YOUR INFO.

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS:PGOV, PINT, IN  
SUBJECT: 1977 NAGALAND ELECTION OUTCOME

1. THE JANATA-LINKED UDF (UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT  
OF NAGALAND) HAS WON 35 OUT OF THE 60 SEATS IN THE  
STATE ASSEMBLY. POLLING TOOK PLACE NOVEMBER 18, AND  
RESULTS WERE ANNOUNCED NOVEMBER 21. CONGRESS WON 15 SEATS,  
THE NEWLY FORMED NATIONAL CONVENTION OF NAGALAND GOT ONE  
AND INDEPENDENTS TOOK NINE.

2. THESE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS END THE PRESIDENT'S RULE  
FOR NAGALAND'S 600,000 PEOPLE WHICH HAS BEEN IN EFFECT  
SINCE MAY 1975. IT IS EXPECTED THAT MR. VIZOL WILL BE  
CHOSEN UDF LEADER AND THUS CHIEF MINISTER. THE ELECTION  
WAS UNMARRED BY VIOLENCE, AND VOTER PARTICIPATION  
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WAS REPORTEDLY HIGH-UPWARD OF 75 PERCENT IN MANY AREAS.  
IT WAS NOTED WITH INTEREST THAT NO RECENT INTER-PARTY  
DEFECTORS, OR "AISLE-CROSSERS", WERE RE-ELECTED TO  
THEIR SEATS.

3. ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT CLEAR BEFOREHAND THAT UDF WOULD  
DO AS WELL AS IT DID, ITS VICTORY IS NOT A GREAT

SURPRISE. THE PARTY WAS PROBABLY STRENGTHENED  
BOTH BY THE RECENT VISIT TO NAGALAND OF GEORGE  
FERNANDES, WHICH BESTOWED THE JANATA BLESSING UPON IT,  
AND BY THE BRIDGES IT KEEPS OPEN TO ANTI-GOI NAGAS,  
IN CONTRAST TO THE RELATIVE ANTI-REBEL HARD-LINGING OF  
THE NAGALAND CONGRESS (FORMERLY NAGALAND NATIONALIST  
ORGANIZATION).

4. IT STRIKES US THAT FEW IF ANY CONCLUSIONS  
CONCERNING NATIONWIDE JANATA-CONGRESS POLITICS  
SHOULD BE BASED ON THIS OUTCOME OF THE  
KALEIDOSCOPIC AND HEAVILY CLAN-INFLUENCED POLITICS  
OF A FRONTIER STATE, WHERE IT IS AN EVIDENT  
GROUND RULE THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS SHARE MUCH OF THEIR  
POWER WITH ADMINISTRATORS RESPONSIVE TO NEW DELHI. PERKINS UNQUOTE  
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